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It is respectfully requested that the commonly assigned co-pending applications be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in the case.

COMMONLY ASSIGNED CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b), Applicants submit the following co-pending commonly assigned cases as being of potential interest in the examination of the subject application.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/054,192 (7078), entitled PRIMARY BATTERY HAVING A BUILT-IN CONTROLLER TO EXTEND BATTERY RUN TIME, filed April 2, 1998, in the name of Gartstein, et al.;

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Copies of the cited documents are attached. It is respectfully requested that the documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in the case.

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